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In re Application of: Stuart L. Soled et al

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants request consideration of the attached Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) which lists references cited in a European search report in the corresponding European case. The IDS is filed before the issue of an office action on the merits, thus it is believed that no fee is due.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (amended) A process for producing lubricating oil basestocks which comprises:

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